NEWS OF THE WEST.

Weather and Grasshoppers Affect the Crops in Idaho.

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A Negress 115 Years Old.—A Fainting Bride.—Killed by a Train.—Ex-Gov. Thomas as a Farmer.

James Finlayson and J. S. Tanner have purchased the Payson Co-operative roller flour mills for $9000.

Ex-Governor Thomas and P. H. Lannan were in Caldwell, Idaho, on Friday, inspecting their extensive farms in that vicinity.

Thomas Hall of Salt Lake was in Payson looking after some stock. While driving his horse fell upon him, inflicting severe and painful injuries. The unfortunate man was picked up and taken to the train by his friends and sent to his home.

A son of Mr. Anstrom of Santaquin fell forty-five feet into a well Thursday and was severely hurt about the feet and ankles and his face cut badly, but no bones were broken. He was going to water his horse with a bucket to which a new rope was attached, but the rope was evidently defective, as it snapped and he fell down.

An unknown Mexican was killed Friday night at Victor, Colo., by being run over by the overland train. His mangled body was found at three o'clock in the morning at a water tank near the station. He was still alive when discovered, but he died within a few minutes. It is believed that he attempted to board the train as it was moving off, but, missing his footing, was thrown under the cars.

A very unusual occurrence signalized the nuptials of Fred. H. Newell, son of Police Officer Brown, and Miss Stella Basset at San Francisco, on Thursday, the bride fainting during the ceremony. She was caught as she was falling to the floor by Dr. Acworth, the officiating clergyman, by the time he had read the bride. She remained unconscious for some time, and upon regaining her senses the ceremony was concluded.

Charles Sawyer, a well-known character in the Livermore valley, Cala., made a desperate attempt to murder his wife Friday morning while she was boarding the Livermore train on her way to Oakland. He believed that she was eloping with Thomas Thompson and he tried to prevent the pair from getting away. Such is the story told by Sawyer, who is now under arrest. He has a bullet wound in his knee, which he says was inflicted by his wife, but the police say he did it himself, though probably accidentally, when he fired four shots at his wife in the train.

On Friday a complaint was filed in the United States Circuit court at San Francisco, by Herman Cramer against the Singer Manufacturing Company, alleging an infringement of patent and placing his damages as regards at $1,000,000. This suit is one of many brought throughout the United States wherever the Singer sewing machines have been sold. Cramer alleges that he was the only and original inventor and patentee of an improvement in treadles for sewing machines. He made his application for a patent on May 25, 1892, and on January 30, 1893, was granted a patent for seventeen years. Cramer alleges that the Singer Manufacturing company used his patent treadle in violation of the exclusive right and that the company has sold Singer sewing machines containing his invention. In fact that all Singer sewing machines made the last few years have had his patent treadle in them. Therefore he demands damages to the extent mentioned.

Mrs. Sarah Manuler, a negress, who died at San Jose, Cal., was 115 years of age. She was born a slave at Shenandoah, Va., in 1778. Her life was a most eventful one and witnessed the entire history, it may be said, of the American republic to the present time. She was the mother of six children, one of whom, Dick Washington, is living in San Jose. She was brought to California in 1847 by a Mr. Ferguson of Gilroy and was subsequently freed by him. None of her children, however, tasted of that boasting until the signing of the proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. Her mind was clear until the day of her death, and it was like a journey back into the past to listen to the old lady's stories of the people and conditions she had encountered during her long life. She has often seen Washington, Madison, Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, and her stories of the war of 1812 were most interesting to listen to. Generations passed away and yet she lived on until the ripe old age of five score and fifteen was reached.

J. H. Smith, observer of the weather bureau at Idaho Falls, Idaho, reports as follows under date of May 31st: "The observers and crop correspondents of the Idaho weather service report for the week ending May 30, 1893, that on account of the abnormally cold, cloudy weather, the general crop condition is little or no advancement in growth during the past week. Severe frosts were quite general, and caused considerable damage to early vegetables, fruits and berries, in Boise, Bear Lake and Oneida counties. The precipitation was slightly above the average and was generally beneficial, especially to localities where moisture is needed for the germination of seeds and the improvement of pastures, meadows. Snow fell on the 24th and 25th in Bear Lake, Logan, Lemhi, Kootenai, Oneida, Shoshone, Fremont, Bingham, Bannock and Custer counties, from a trace to ten inches. Grasshoppers continue to hatch out in Alturas, Custer and Logan counties, and correspondents say that the insects are somewhat scattered over the state. For a week from the time of writing the coming season. Farmers are busy starting and planting, and expect to have their work during the coming week. All crops are reported in good condition, making healthy and vigorous growth, as long as there is no danger to expected in view of the unfavorable weather conditions which have prevailed since the opening of the year on."

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